

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fiscal Year 2008

### Message from the Chief

The Amherst Police Department has continued to use innovative ideas to curtail the ever-increasing cost of doing business while continuing to provide the community with the programs that maintain good relationships with its members.

Technology improvements during the past year have been a big help in filling the financial gap. We have begun to change our way of doing business. We became the first police department in the Commonwealth to utilize Internet technology to accept crime reports online. Our new *Online Incident Report System* that is accessed via our website [www.amherstpd.org](http://www.amherstpd.org) allows citizens to report minor crimes and neighborhood complaints, such as speeding issues, via the web. Reports are reviewed by officers and are investigated fully, as staffing allows. This service is valuable because it allows us to have our officers available to respond to more critical, life-threatening incidents. It also decreases the burden on our Records Office staff, as reports generated are emailed to citizens. Citizens benefit from this system as they are able to report crimes and concerns on their schedule and don't have to wait for an officer to respond to their home. Allowing citizens to receive their reports via email also saves the citizens from having to come to our Records Office to get copies of reports. This valuable system was purchased entirely with grant funding.

The Amherst Police Department, through its trained officers, has offered programs that maintain communication with its residents. Programs that have been offered through grants have allowed us to deliver education seminars for all members of this community. Within the past year we have offered *Identity Theft* training for the members of our senior citizen community. This is a crime that many seniors have fallen victim to, and we have worked hard at educating community members on ways to protect their assets. We also continue to offer our *Rape Aggression Defense Training* (RAD) by offering classes to the community. During the past year, this important course was also brought to the Amherst Regional High School as part of their physical education curriculum, allowing our officers to reach the younger generation of our citizens, a segment often overlooked.

Our Bicycle Patrol conducted numerous safety events, including a *Pedal With Police Night*, where officers taught our younger citizens bicycle safety. The Bicycle Patrol also partnered with the Wildwood School and MassBike to establish a *Safety Routes to School* program, providing insight on ways to encourage students to bicycle to school. The spring Bicycle Rodeo at Wildwood School was a very successful event as well. Additionally, at several events in apartment complexes throughout Amherst, we distributed free bicycle helmets to children in need. Grant money has allowed the Department to continue to offer these valuable programs to Amherst citizens.

In order to maintain our everlasting battle with motor vehicle violators, public intoxication and noise disturbances, we have been fortunate to acquire state grants that allow us to hire additional help without compromising our budget. These programs include *Cops In Shops*, where officers pose as liquor store clerks to deter underage persons from purchasing alcohol. This partnership with our business owners has been very successful. The nationally recognized motor vehicle

safety programs that we conducted this past year, *You Drink You Drive You Lose* and *Click It or Ticket It* have contributed to yet another year during which Amherst did not have a motor vehicle fatality. Recently, our Department received an award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving for our aggressive enforcement of drunk driving laws. We were one of only ten police departments in the Commonwealth to receive grant funding to address underage and public drinking. We used this grant funding to aggressively enforce overcrowded parties, the Open Container Bylaw and Keg Bylaw.

With our budget restrictions we are struggling, but we will survive because this is the Amherst Police Department and we are dedicated to this community.

Charles L. Scherpa  
Chief of Police

**POLICE PERSONNEL CHANGES**  
**JULY 1 2007 – JUNE 30, 2008**

**RESIGNATIONS:**

*Sworn Police Officers*

Ryan N. Tellier

December 10, 2007

*Civilian Personnel*

Maryann C. Rocha

July 31, 2007

Jennifer M. Guzik

December 31, 2007

Christine E. Brunelle

January 27, 2008

Brian J. Greaney

June 2, 2008

**RETIRED:**

*Sworn Police Officers*

Gary W. Guzik

August 3, 2007

Timothy M. Sullivan

January 1, 2008

*Civilian Personnel*

Willie J. Wheeler

November 9, 2007

**NEW HIREES:**

*Sworn Police Officers*

Hunter J. Guiles

December 3, 2007

Matthew R. Frydryk

April 28, 2008

Noah A. Clock

May 5, 2008

*Civilian Personnel*

Michele A. Matuszko

December 31, 2007

Whitney P. Suter

March 17, 2008

Frederick L. King

June 17, 2008

Maria L. Ronghi

June 23, 2008

**PROMOTION:**

*Sworn Police Officers*

Scott P. Livingstone

February 11, 2008

**Amherst Police Department**  
**Detective Bureau**  
Fiscal Year 2008

The detective bureau is under the command of Lieutenant Ronald A. Young. It is staffed by Sergeant Christopher P. Pronovost, Detective Christina B. Knightly, Detective David W. Foster, Detective Gabriel Ting, Detective Gregory Wise, Detective Brian T. Johnson, Detective James Damouras, and Detective Janet M. Lopez.

The mission and focus of the detective bureau is support of the patrol force, case management, evidence control and handling, court procedure and prosecution, and crime scene assessment. Major cases are handled within this unit, to include property crimes, robbery, narcotics violations, and crimes against people. Child abuse cases and sexual assaults are primarily handled by detectives assigned to this unit, to include case management for registered sex offenders.

As part of the Court function, Detective Lopez oversees case tracking and disposition, discovery requests by the Court, diversionary sentences, and community service programs. Detective Foster handles similar actions in the juvenile Court as well as acting as a point of contact for the school department, the Department of Youth Services, and the Department of Social Services.

This last fiscal year was an active one for detectives. It began with a bank robbery in early July. Several serious assaults were committed over the coming year, as well as a rise in residential burglaries. A total of 162 people were charged through arrest, summons, or indictment with a total of 221 crimes.

Ronald A. Young  
Lieutenant

**FISCAL YEAR 2008 -- 28,049 responding officers to 18,359 Calls for Service**

<b>CALL TYPE</b>	<b># CALLS</b>	<b># OF RESPONDERS</b>
209 A	361	403
911 Hang Up	208	344
Admin Duty	386	464
Animal Admin Services	59	59
Animal Complaint	462	619
Annoying Call(s)	65	69
Assault	63	150
Assist A F D	172	358
Assist Business/Agency	771	956
Assist Citizen	686	888
Assist Motorist	36	42
Assist Other P D	284	421
B & E	141	262
B & E M V	141	176
Bank / A T M Alarm	50	104
Child Abuse	3	3
Citizen Transport	261	270
Civil Complaint	11	11
Commercial Alarm	476	1,027
Community Policing	279	429
Disabled Motor Vehicle	386	470
Disturbance	469	1,240
Domestic	190	536
Drug Law Violation	32	79
Escort	246	342
Fight	108	407
Follow Up	854	1,001
Forgery / Counterfeit	2	2
Fraud	20	20
House Check	132	135
Larceny	305	369
Liquor I D Check	49	100
Liquor Law Violation	260	489
Located Person	11	12
Lock Up Incident	1	1
M V Complaint	203	291
M V Crash P D	869	1,195
M V Crash P I	127	368
M V Pursuit	1	6
M V Stop	1,173	1,572
Medical / Mental	96	258
Medical Assist	491	744
Missing Person	25	32
Missing Property	87	90
Noise Complaint	1,066	2,471

Open Door/Window	753	849
Parking Ban	99	103
PERMITS	75	81
Prisoner Monitor/Booking	82	95
Prisoner Transport	178	208
Private / Trespass Tow	6	8
Prop/Evid Admin	144	181
Protective Custody	7	15
Rape	9	11
Recovered M V	27	29
Recovered Property	393	403
Residential Alarm	177	356
Robbery	4	19
Security Check	536	639
Sex Offense	13	13
Shoplifting	36	74
Stolen M V	31	51
Summons Service	407	413
Suspicious	888	1,643
Suspicious Motor Vehicle	427	601
T B L Violation	75	87
Traffic	735	1,013
Traffic Enforcement	216	233
Traffic Monitor	17	17
Trespass	48	76
Unattended Death	11	49
Vandalism	346	453
Warrant Service	137	342
Well Being Check	364	702

**During FY 08 the Amherst Police Department wrote 660 criminal offense reports, documenting 987 separate crimes that occurred. Below is a summation of the crimes that were reported that required an incident report be generated.**

## **TYPE OF CRIME REPORTED**

A&B	49
A&B ON CHILD WITH INJURY	1
A&B WITH DANGEROUS WEAPON	21
A&B, Pregnant Person	1
ABUSE PREVENTION ORDER, VIOLATE	9
ACCOST/ANNOY PERSON OF OPPOSITE SEX	1
ALCOHOL IN MV, POSSESS OPEN CONTAINER OF	1
ASSAULT	6
ASSAULT & BATTERY - Serious Bodily Injury	8
ASSAULT TO RAPE	1
ASSAULT TO ROB, UNARMED	1
ASSAULT W/DANGEROUS WEAPON	7
ATTEMPT TO COMMIT CRIME	3
B&E DAYTIME FOR FELONY	47
B&E FOR MISDEMEANOR	35
B&E NIGHTTIME FOR FELONY	164
BOMB THREAT, FALSE	1
BREAK INTO DEPOSITORY	1
BUILDING, VANDALIZE	1
BURGLARIOUS INSTRUMENT, POSSESS	1
BURGLARY, UNARMED	5
CHILD 5-12 WITHOUT SEAT BELT	1
CHILD ABUSE, MANDATED REPORTER FL REPORT	2
CREDIT CARD FRAUD OVER \$250	4
CREDIT CARD FRAUD UNDER \$250	5
CREDIT CARD, FORGE OR UTTER FORGED	1
CREDIT CARD, IMPROPER USE OVER \$250	2
CREDIT CARD, IMPROPER USE UNDER \$250	3
CREDIT CARD, LARCENY OF	4
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY +\$250, MALICIOUS	28
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY +\$250, WANTON	15
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY +\$250, WANTON	1
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY -\$250, MALICIOUS	15
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY -\$250, WANTON	15
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY -\$250, MALICIOUS	1
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY -\$250, WANTON	10
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	4
DISTURBANCE	1
DISTURBING THE PEACE	1
DRUG VIOLATION NEAR SCHOOL/PARK	1
DRUG, DISTRIBUTE CLASS D	1

DRUG, LARCENY OF	1
DRUG, POSSESS / CULTIVATE TO DISTRIB CLASS D	3
DRUG, POSSESS CLASS A	1
DRUG, POSSESS CLASS D	6
DRUG, POSSESS TO DISTRIB CLASS B	2
FIREARM, LARCENY OF	2
FIREWORKS, POSSESS UNLAWFUL	1
FORGERY OF CHECK	4
HARASSING PHONE CALL	3
HARASSMENT, CRIMINAL	1
HOME INVASION	1
HOMELAND SECURITY THREAT	1
IDENTITY FRAUD	6
IDENTITY THEFT	6
IMPROPER OPERATION OF MV, ALLOW	1
INDECENT A&B ON CHILD UNDER 14	4
INDECENT A&B ON PERSON 14 OR OVER	3
KIDNAPPING	1
LARCENY BY CHECK OVER \$250	6
LARCENY BY CHECK UNDER \$250	4
LARCENY FROM BUILDING	4
LARCENY FROM PERSON	2
LARCENY OVER \$250	171
LARCENY OVER \$250 BY SINGLE SCHEME	4
LARCENY UNDER \$250	110
LARCENY UNDER \$250 FROM +60/DISABLED	1
LEAVE SCENE OF PROPERTY DAMAGE	2
LEAVING ACCIDENT SCENE AFTER PROPERTY DAMAGE	8
LIQUOR, PERSON UNDER 21 POSSESS	2
LOST PROPERTY	9
MARKED LANES VIOLATION	2
MAYHEM	1
MOTOR VEH THIEF, CONCEAL	1
MOTOR VEH, LARCENY OF	29
MOTOR VEH, MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO	9
MOTOR VEH, RECEIVE STOLEN	1
MOTOR VEH, TAKING & STEALING PARTS	2
NEGLIGENT OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	1
NOTE, UTTER WORTHLESS/FALSE	1
OUI LIQUOR	1
PUBLIC WAY, THROW OBJECT ON	1
RAPE	11
RAPE OF CHILD, STATUTORY	3
RECEIVE STOLEN PROPERTY +\$250	4
RECEIVE STOLEN PROPERTY -\$250	6
RECKLESS OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	1
RESIST ARREST	2
ROBBERY, ARMED	1
ROBBERY, UNARMED	4



SHOPLIFTING \$100+ BY ASPORTATION	1
SHOPLIFTING \$100+ BY CONCEALING MDSE	1
SHOPLIFTING BY ASPORTATION	1
SHOPLIFTING BY CONCEALING MDSE	6
SHOPLIFTING BY CONCEALING MDSE, 3RD OFF.	1
SLOW, FAIL TO	1
SPEEDING IN VIOL SPECIAL REGULATION	1
STOP FOR POLICE, FAIL	1
TAGGING PROPERTY	8
TBL A2 S3: UNLAWFUL NOISE	10
TBL A24 S4: UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF KEG	6
TELEPHONE CALLS, ANNOYING	4
THREAT TO COMMIT CRIME	3
USE MV WITHOUT AUTHORITY	1
UTTER COUNTERFEIT NOTE	2
UTTER FALSE CHECK	5
VANDALIZE PROPERTY	2
WITNESS, INTIMIDATE	3

## PERSONS CRIMINALLY CHARGED, FY 2008

### ADULTS

Arrested offenders	863
Summonses	458
Protective Custody	25

### JUVENILES

Arrested offenders	16
Summonses	37
Protective Custody	0

**TOTAL CRIMINAL OFFENSES CHARGED AT TIME OF ARREST FY 2008**  
**1,399 Total arrests with criminal offenses**

A&B	90
A&B ON AMBULANCE PERSONNEL	1
A&B ON CHILD WITH INJURY	1
A&B ON POLICE OFFICER	5
A&B WITH DANGEROUS WEAPON	16
A&B, Pregnant Person	4
A7S4 FAILURE TO USE CARE IN STARTING	1
ABUSE PREVENTION ORDER, VIOLATE	12
ACCOST/ANNOY PERSON OF OPPOSITE SEX	2
AFTERMARKET LIGHTING, NONCOMPLIANT	1
ALCOHOL IN MV, POSSESS OPEN CONTAINER OF	26
ARRESTED ON WARRANT INITIATED BY OTHER AGENCY	94
ASSAULT	8
ASSAULT & BATTERY - Serious Bodily Injury	11
ASSAULT ON AMBULANCE PERSONNEL	1
ASSAULT W/DANGEROUS WEAPON	7
ATTEMPT TO COMMIT CRIME	9
B&E DAYTIME FOR FELONY	15
B&E FOR MISDEMEANOR	6
B&E NIGHTTIME FOR FELONY	35
BRAKES VIOLATION, MV	2
BURGLARIOUS INSTRUMENT, POSSESS	2
BURGLARY, UNARMED	1
CHILD 5-12 WITHOUT SEAT BELT	1
CIGARETTE/MATCH, DROP ON FOREST/FIELD	1
COCAINE, POSSESS TO DISTRIBUTE	1
CREDIT CARD FRAUD OVER \$250	1
CREDIT CARD FRAUD UNDER \$250	2
CREDIT CARD, IMPROPER USE OVER \$250	2
CREDIT CARD, IMPROPER USE UNDER \$250	1
CREDIT CARD, LARCENY OF	3
CREDIT CARD, RECEIVE STOLEN	2
CROSSWALK VIOLATION	1
DANGEROUS WEAPON, CARRY	4
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY +\$250, MALICIOUS	6
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY +\$250, WANTON	4
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY -\$250, MALICIOUS	7
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY -\$250, WANTON	7
DISGUISE TO OBSTRUCT JUSTICE	1
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	65
DISTURBING THE PEACE	3
DRUG VIOLATION NEAR SCHOOL/PARK	3
DRUG, DISTRIBUTE CLASS D	1
DRUG, POSSESS / CULTIVATE TO DISTRIB CLASS D	11
DRUG, POSSESS CLASS A	2

DRUG, POSSESS CLASS B	24
DRUG, POSSESS CLASS B, SUBSQ.OFF.	3
DRUG, POSSESS CLASS C	7
DRUG, POSSESS CLASS D	118
DRUG, POSSESS CLASS D, SUBSQ.OFF.	9
DRUG, POSSESS CLASS E	2
DRUG, POSSESS TO DISTRIB CLASS B	4
Dangerous Weapon, Possess While Committing Breach of Peace	1
EQUIPMENT VIOLATION, MISCELLANEOUS MV	11
FALSE NAME/SSN, ARRESTEE FURNISH	5
FIREARM, LARCENY OF	1
FIREWORKS, POSSESS UNLAWFUL	2
FORGERY OF CHECK	2
FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE ON COURT WARRANT	3
HARASSMENT, CRIMINAL	1
HARSH/OBJECTIONAL NOISE	1
HEADLIGHTS, FAIL DIM	2
HEROIN, POSSESS	1
HEROIN, POSSESS, SUBSQ.OFF.	1
IDENTIFY SELF, MV OPERATOR REFUSE	3
IDENTIFY SELF, REFUSE	3
IDENTITY FRAUD	2
IMPROPER OPERATION OF MV, ALLOW	2
INDECENT EXPOSURE	2
INSPECTION/STICKER, NO	13
JUNIOR OPERATOR OP 12-5 AM W/O PARENT	3
JUNIOR OPERATOR WITH PASSENGER UNDER 18	1
LARCENY BY CHECK OVER \$250	2
LARCENY BY CHECK UNDER \$250	5
LARCENY FROM BUILDING	4
LARCENY FROM PERSON	2
LARCENY OVER \$250	45
LARCENY OVER \$250 BY SINGLE SCHEME	3
LARCENY UNDER \$250	22
LEASED PERSONALTY, FAIL RETURN	1
LEAVE SCENE OF PERSONAL INJURY	3
LEAVE SCENE OF PROPERTY DAMAGE	13
LEWDNESS, OPEN AND GROSS	2
LICENSE NOT IN POSSESSION	10
LICENSE RESTRICTION, OPERATE MV IN VIOL	1
LICENSE REVOKED AS HTO, OPERATE MV WITH	1
LICENSE REVOKED, OPERATE MV WITH	8
LICENSE SUSPENDED, OP MV WITH	47
LICENSE SUSPENDED, OP MV WITH, SUBSQ.OFF	7
LIGHTS VIOLATION	1
LIGHTS VIOLATION, MV	22
LIQUOR ID CARD/LICENSE, FALSE/MISUSE	35
LIQUOR TO PERSON UNDER 21, SELL/DELIVER	29

LIQUOR, PERSON UNDER 21 ATTEMPT PROCURE	1
LIQUOR, PERSON UNDER 21 POSSESS	377
LIQUOR, PERSON UNDER 21 POSSESS, SUBSQ.	9
LIQUOR, PERSON UNDER 21 PROCURE	11
MARIJUANA, POSSESS	2
MARKED LANES VIOLATION	71
MAYHEM	1
MOTOR VEH, LARCENY OF	3
MOTOR VEH, MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO	2
MOTOR VEH, RECEIVE STOLEN	1
MOTOR VEH, RECEIVE STOLEN, SUBSQ.OFF.	1
NAME/ADDRESS CHANGE, FL NOTIFY RMV OF	2
NEGLIGENT OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	11
NUMBER PLATE VIOLATION	11
NUMBER PLATE VIOLATION TO CONCEAL ID	3
OPERATING AFTER REVOCATION OF REGISTRATION	13
OUI DRUGS	1
OUI DRUGS, 2ND OFFENSE	1
OUI LIQUOR	113
OUI LIQUOR, 2ND OFFENSE	9
OUI LIQUOR, 3RD OFFENSE	2
PRESCRIPTION, UTTER FALSE	2
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	33
RECEIVE STOLEN PROPERTY +\$250	16
RECEIVE STOLEN PROPERTY -\$250	6
RECKLESS OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	4
RED/BUE LIGHT VIOLATION, MV	1
REGISTRATION NOT IN POSSESSION	8
REGISTRATION SUSPENDED, OP MV WITH	6
RESIST ARREST	29
RESTAURANT, DEFRAUD	1
RIGHT TURN ON RED WHERE PROHIBITED	2
RIOT, FAIL DISPERSE	3
ROBBERY, ARMED	2
ROBBERY, UNARMED	2
SCHOOL, DISTURB	5
SEAT BELT, FAIL WEAR	5
SEX OFFENDER FAIL TO REGISTER	1
SHOPLIFTING \$100+ BY ASPORTATION	1
SHOPLIFTING \$100+ BY CONCEALING MDSE	1
SHOPLIFTING BY ASPORTATION	2
SHOPLIFTING BY CONCEALING MDSE	7
SHOPLIFTING BY CONCEALING MDSE, 3RD OFF.	2
SIGNAL, FAIL TO	4
SPEEDING	14
SPEEDING IN VIOL SPECIAL REGULATION	48
STOP FOR POLICE, FAIL	4
STOP/YIELD, FAIL TO	28
TAGGING PROPERTY	1

TBL A2 S3: UNLAWFUL NOISE	137
TBL A2 S6: OPEN CONTAINER OF ALCOHOL	213
TBL A24 S4: UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF KEG	17
TBL A7 S3: OBSTRUCT NORMAL TRAFFIC FLOW	1
TBL A7 S4: FAIL TO USE CARE/BACKING	3
TBL A7 S4: FAIL TO USE CARE/STOPPING	6
TBL A7 S4: FAIL TO USE CARE/TURNING	2
TBL A7 S6: RED LIGHT VIOLATION	1
TELEPHONE CALLS, ANNOYING	3
THREAT TO COMMIT CRIME	7
TRASH, LITTER	1
TRASH, LITTER FROM MV	1
TRESPASS	11
TURN, IMPROPER	1
UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLE	13
UNLICENSED OPERATION OF MV	35
UNREGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE	4
UNSAFE OPERATION OF MV	2
UTTER COUNTERFEIT NOTE	2
UTTER FALSE CHECK	4
VANDALIZE PROPERTY	1
WITNESS, INTIMIDATE	16
YIELD AT INTERSECTION, FAIL	3

### **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES, FY 2008**

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MV CRASH REPORTED IN PERSON OR BY MAIL	511
MV CRASH INVESTIGATED REQUIRING POLICE REPORTS	771
MV CRASH WITH CITATIONS ISSUED	267
MV CRASH TOTAL CITATIONS ISSUED	334
MV CRASH WITH PERSONAL INJURY	98
MV CRASH TOTAL INJURED PERSONS	148
MV CRASH INVOLVING PEDESTRIANS	8
MV CRASH INVOLVING BICYCLES	13
MV CRASH INVOLVING MOTORCYCLES	8
MV CRASH INVOLVING WHEELCHAIRS	0
MV CRASH WITH FATALITIES	0
MV CRASH WITH HIT AND RUN	75

## MOTOR VEHICLE CITATIONS, FY 2008

5,686 Citations Written with a total of 6,739 Violations

### Violation totals

A7S4 FAILURE TO USE CARE IN STARTING	5
ABANDON MV	2
AFTERMARKET LIGHTING, NONCOMPLIANT	2
ALCOHOL IN MV, POSSESS OPEN CONTAINER OF	30
ARRESTED ON WARRANT INITIATED BY OTHER AGENCY	1
BRAKES VIOLATION, MV	28
CHILD 5-12 WITHOUT SEAT BELT	4
CHILD UNDER 5 WITHOUT CARSEAT	2
CIGARETTE/MATCH, DROP ON FOREST/FIELD	4
CROSSWALK VIOLATION	25
DRUG, POSSESS / CULTIVATE TO DISTRIB CLASS D	2
DRUG, POSSESS CLASS B	3
DRUG, POSSESS CLASS B, SUBSQ.OFF.	1
DRUG, POSSESS CLASS C	1
DRUG, POSSESS CLASS D	22
DRUG, POSSESS CLASS D, SUBSQ.OFF.	3
EMERGENCY VEHICLE, OBSTRUCT	4
EQUIPMENT VIOLATION, MISCELLANEOUS MV	199
EXCESSIVE EXHAUST SMOKE	1
HARSH/OBJECTIONAL NOISE	9
HEADLIGHTS, FAIL DIM	7
IDENTIFY SELF, MV OPERATOR REFUSE	3
IMPROPER OPERATION OF MV, ALLOW INSPECTION/STICKER, NO	420
JUNIOR OPERATOR OP 12-5 AM W/O PARENT	3
JUNIOR OPERATOR WITH PASSENGER UNDER 18	5
LEARNERS PERMIT VIOLATION	1
LEAVE SCENE OF PERSONAL INJURY	2
LEAVE SCENE OF PROPERTY DAMAGE	20
LICENSE NOT IN POSSESSION	143
LICENSE REVOKED AS HTO, OPERATE MV WITH	1
LICENSE REVOKED, OPERATE MV WITH	9
LICENSE SUSPENDED FOR OUI, OPER MV WITH	1
LICENSE SUSPENDED, OP MV WITH	53
LICENSE SUSPENDED, OP MV WITH, SUBSQ.OFF	8
LIGHTS VIOLATION	3
LIGHTS VIOLATION, MV	753
LIQUOR, PERSON UNDER 21 POSSESS	9
LOAD UNSECURED/UNCOVERED	4
MARKED LANES VIOLATION	195
MOPED VIOLATION	1
MOTOR VEH IN FELONY/LARCENY, USE	1

MOTORCYCLE EQUIPMENT VIOLATION	2
NAME/ADDRESS CHANGE, FL NOTIFY RMV OF	11
NEGLIGENT OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	12
NUMBER PLATE VIOLATION	233
NUMBER PLATE VIOLATION TO CONCEAL ID	4
NUMBER PLATE, FAIL RETURN REPOSSESSED MV	1
OPERATING AFTER REVOCATION OF REGISTRATION	22
OUI DRUGS	1
OUI DRUGS, 2ND OFFENSE	1
OUI LIQUOR	109
OUI LIQUOR, 2ND OFFENSE	9
OUI LIQUOR, 3RD OFFENSE	1
PARKING TICKETS, +5 UNPAID	1
PASSING OVER RESTRICTIVE MARKINGS	7
PASSING VIOLATION	5
PASSING, FAIL TO USE CARE	4
RACING MOTOR VEHICLE	1
RAILROAD CROSSING VIOLATION	2
RECKLESS OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	4
RED/BLUE LIGHT VIOLATION, MV	2
REGISTRATION NOT IN POSSESSION	91
REGISTRATION STICKER MISSING	2
REGISTRATION SUSPENDED, OP MV WITH	7
RIGHT LANE, FAIL DRIVE IN	2
RIGHT TURN ON RED WHERE PROHIBITED	47
SAFETY STANDARDS, MV NOT MEETING RMV	16
SCHOOL BUS INSPECTION, FAIL PERFORM POST- TRIP	2
SCHOOL BUS OPERATION/EQUIPMENT VIOL	2
SCHOOL BUS, FAIL STOP FOR	3
SEAT BELT, FAIL WEAR	165
SIGN, FAILURE TO OBEY DPW TRAFFIC	1
SIGNAL, FAIL TO	22
SLOW, FAIL TO	8
SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS VEH FL ID OWNER	4
SPEEDING	1,658
SPEEDING IN VIOL SPECIAL REGULATION	1,226
STATE HWAY TRAFFIC VIOLATION	2
STOP FOR POLICE, FAIL	5
STOP/YIELD, FAIL TO	503
TBL A5 S1: ONE WAY STREET VIOLATION	12
TBL A7 S2: FAIL TO GIVE WAY WHEN MV PASSING	3
TBL A7 S3: OBSTRUCT NORMAL TRAFFIC FLOW	1
TBL A7 S4: FAIL TO USE CARE/BACKING	26
TBL A7 S4: FAIL TO USE CARE/STARTING	38
TBL A7 S4: FAIL TO USE CARE/STOPPING	129
TBL A7 S4: FAIL TO USE CARE/TURNING	60

TBL A7 S5: FAIL TO STOP/FLASHING RED LIGHT	2
TBL A7 S5: FAIL TO STOP/STOP SIGN	1
TBL A7 S6: RED LIGHT VIOLATION	2
TIRE TREAD DEPTH VIOLATION	3
TRASH, LITTER FROM MV	1
TURN, IMPROPER	28
UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLE	22
UNLICENSED OPERATION OF MV	49
UNREGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE	92
UNSAFE OPERATION OF MV	27
YIELD AT INTERSECTION, FAIL	54



## COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Fiscal Year 2008

This was a very active year for the Center and one filled with new challenges. Our level of activity continued to increase and our responsibilities expanded. Meanwhile, Dispatchers worked admirably through complete changes to the equipment and method of managing the radio and state 911 phone systems, the building security system and an assortment of computer-based resources.

The renewal of the State Training Grant, supported entirely by the surcharges collected on wireline and wireless phone bills, allowed us access to training opportunities not possible in previous years. Through our aggressive use of these funds we were better able to keep abreast of the ever-changing needs in emergency service and preserve our status as one of the most professional and progressive Centers in western Massachusetts.

In addition to their regularly assigned duties, Dispatchers continued to contribute much time and energy to the Center and the citizens. A Public Safety Education Program was created and we again participated in the Fire Department Open House and the Safety Awareness Fire Education program at the grade schools. Likewise, several Dispatchers worked closely with officers regarding a number of police department initiatives.

The Center was honored to have Dispatchers Carly Kinnas and Jason Rushford selected as Hampshire County Dispatchers of the Year by the Northampton Elks Club. These two were also cited by Hampshire County EMS with a Save Award for their performance while on duty during a swimming pool accident in Amherst in the spring of 2007.

Though we have yet to reach full staffing and vacancies directly result in overtime costs, we were able to stay within our budget for the second consecutive year.

As a member of the work group formed to study the feasibility of consolidating our call taking/dispatch services with the University of Massachusetts and the Town of Hadley, I look forward to continuing the process in the coming year.

In addition to Carly Kinnas and Jason Rushford our staff includes Michael Curtin, Brad Worthley, Elizabeth Chudzik, Jessica Alvaro, Joshua Cicia, Janet Sharp, Scott DelPozzo, and Whitney Suter. Maria Ronghi was recently hired to begin our 12 week training program.

I take pride in working for and with our team of hard working and conscientious dispatch professionals and appreciate the support they have shown me as their supervisor.

### Personnel Changes

Hired	Brian Greaney	02/25/08
	Whitney Suter	03/17/08
	Maria Ronghi	06/23/08
Resigned	Jennifer Guzik	12/00/07
	Christine Brunelle	01/00/08
	Brian Greaney	06/02/08